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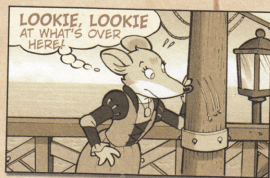
GERONIMO STILTON

MY NAME IS STILTON,
GERONIMO STILTON!
MY JOB IS TO EDIT
THE RODENT'S
GAZETTE,
THE MOST
FAMOUS PAPER
ON ALL OF
MOUSE ISLAND!

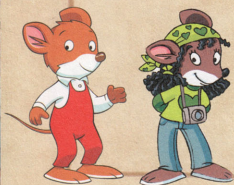


THEA STILTON

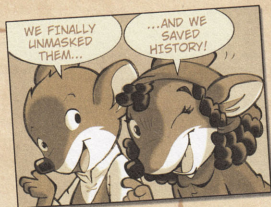
I'M THEA STILTON,
GERONIMO'S SISTER,
A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
FOR THE RODENT'S GAZETTE.
I LOVE ADVENTURE
AND TRAVEL THE WORLD!



BENJAMIN AND PANDORA



I'M BENJAMIN STILTON
GERONIMO'S NEPHEW
AND THIS IS MY
FRIEND PANDORA.
WE PLAY TOGETHER
AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN:
WE'RE RAT-TASTIC
FRIENDS!



TRAP STILTON

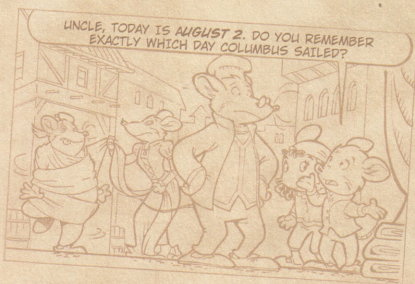
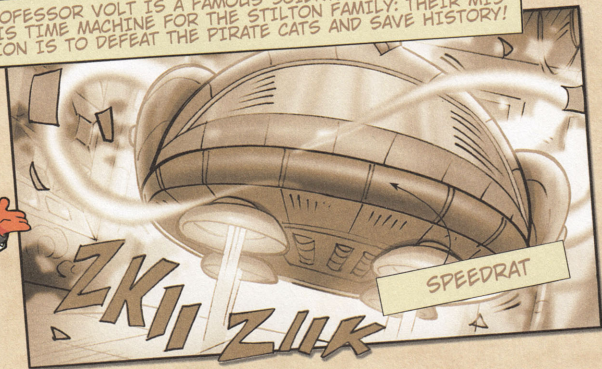


AND I AM TRAP STILTON,
GERONIMO'S COUSIN.
I LOVE TO COOK AND
NIBBLE ON CHEESE;
I TELL JOKES AND
PLAY PRANKS...
ESPECIALLY ON THAT
SCAREDY MOUSE GERONIMO!





PROFESSOR VOLT IS A FAMOUS SCIENTIST. HE DESIGNED THIS TIME MACHINE FOR THE STILTON FAMILY: THEIR MISSION IS TO DEFEAT THE PIRATE CATS AND SAVE HISTORY!

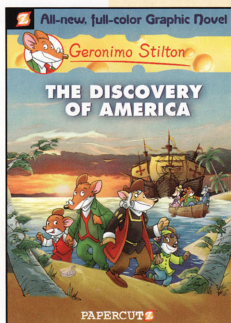


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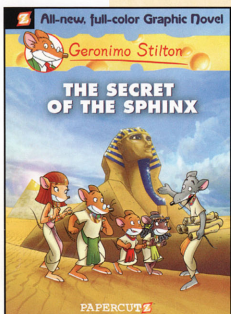


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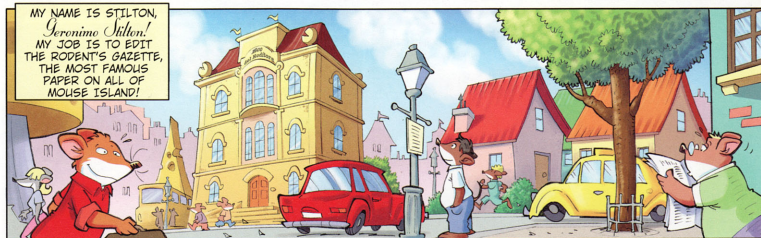
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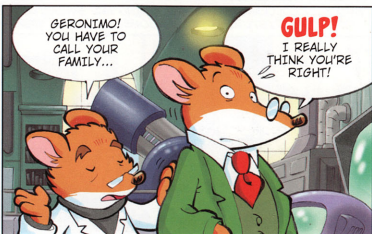
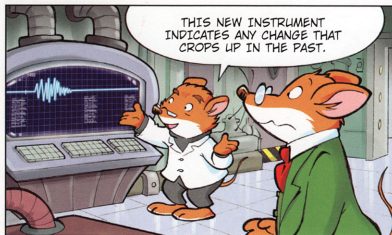


WHILE MY COLLEAGUES WERE WORKING AND SWEATING AWAY, I HAD ASKED NOT TO BE **DISBURBED**; I HAD SOME IMPORTANT WORK TO GET DONE...



VERY IMPORTANT...IN FACT, ABSOLUTELY **IMPORTANT!**





IT TOOK ME NO TIME AT ALL
TO TELL MY FAMILY. AND THEY'D
NEVER TURN DOWN A NEW
ADVENTURE! MY SISTER THEA...

I'LL POSTPONE
MY TRIP TO
THE AMAZON
RAINFOREST!



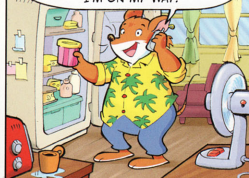
MY NEPHEW BENJAMIN,
HIS FRIEND PANDORA...

FANTASTIC!



AND MY COUSIN, TRAP!

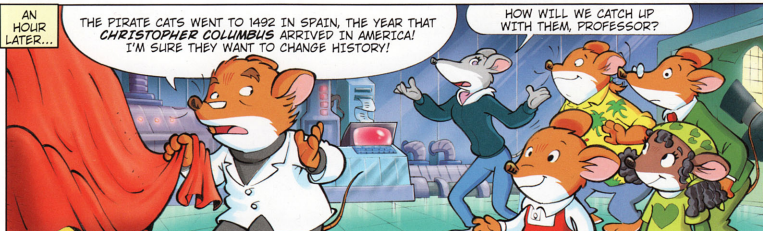
THE PIRATE CATS?
I'M ON MY WAY!



AN
HOUR
LATER...

THE PIRATE CATS WENT TO 1492 IN SPAIN, THE YEAR THAT
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ARRIVED IN AMERICA!
I'M SURE THEY WANT TO CHANGE HISTORY!

HOW WILL WE CATCH UP
WITH THEM, PROFESSOR?



WITH THE *SPEEDRAT*, MY FRIENDS!
MY LATEST INVENTION!
A HIGH-TECH TIME MACHINE!

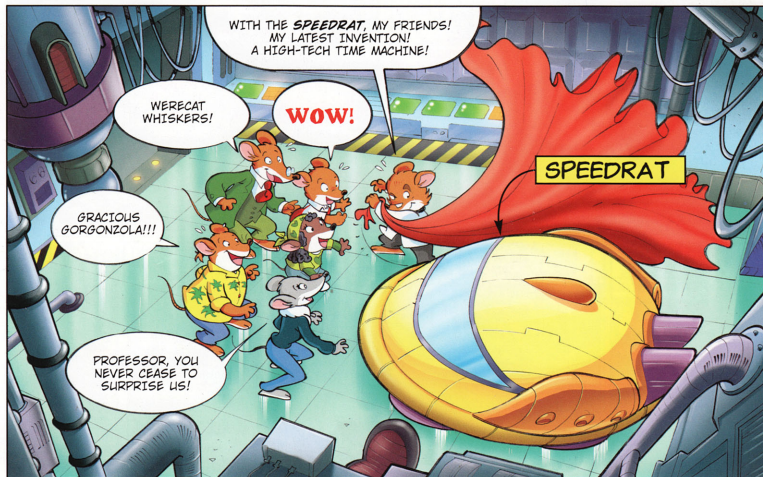
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WHISKERS!

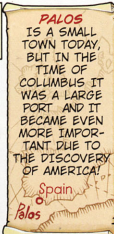
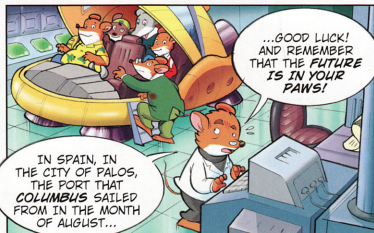
WOW!

GRACIOUS
GORGONZOLA!!!

PROFESSOR, YOU
NEVER CEASE TO
SURPRISE US!

SPEEDRAT





BACK IN PALOS IT WAS AUGUST 1, 1492. THE RULERS OF SPAIN, FERDINAND AND ISABELLA, HAD ASKED CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS TO DISCOVER A NEW ROUTE TO THE INDIES, AND THE GREAT ITALIAN NAVIGATOR WAS GETTING READY TO DEPART...

CALAMITOUS CATS! NOW WHERE WILL WE PUT THE CATJET?

IN THE MEANTIME, THE PIRATE CATS HAD ARRIVED IN PALOS AND WERE GETTING READY FOR THEIR MISSION...

NO ONE MUST FIND OUR TIME MACHINE! LET'S COVER IT UP WITH SOME OF THAT TRASH.

CATJET

HOP TO IT, HAIRBALL!

THOSE OVERFERD BALLS OF FUR! I ALWAYS HAVE TO DO THE WORST JOBS!

NOW THAT WE'RE IN SPAIN, WHAT WILL WE DO? ARE WE GOING TO GO RIGHT TO THE PORT?

YEAH, TERSILLA! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? ARE WE GOING TO GO TO SEE REAL MADRID PLAY?

DON'T MOUSE OFF, * BONZO! SOCCER HASN'T BEEN INVENTED YET!

LET'S PUT ON OUR MOUSE MASKS NOW... THEN WE CAN GET DRESSED AT THE COAST...

I HAVE TO LOOK LIKE A SAILOR, TOO!

MOUSE EARS

MOUSE NOSE

LATER, AT THE PORT...



THE PIRATE CATS WITH
THEIR MOUSE MASKS ON!

LISTEN, RODENTS! I'M MINESTRONE MOUSTRONI, **THE ROYAL INSPECTOR!** I SPEAK IN THE NAME OF THE KING. WE NEED EXPERT SAILORS WHO ARE STRONG AND FEARLESS...



THE ROYAL INSPECTOR
TRAVELED WITH COLUMBUS. HE WAS IN CHARGE OF REPORTING EVERY DETAIL OF THE MISSION TO KING FERDINAND AND QUEEN ISABELLA.



YOU SURE LOOK FUNNY IN THAT MOUSE MASK!

HOW DARE YOU! I'M YOUR **BOSS!**



MEOW DOWN!* DO YOU WANT THEM TO DISCOVER US?!

NEXT!

*CALM DOWN!



AND WHAT CAN YOU DO?

I'VE SERVED THREE KINGS, SAILED EVERY SEA, DISCOVERED HUNDREDS OF TREASURES AND AM AN EXPERT HELMSMAN...



SAILOR, IF HALF OF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, YOU'RE JUST THE RODENT FOR US...



MY COMPANIONS AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SERVE UNDER THE GREAT COLUMBUS!



WHAT COMPANIONS? THOSE TWO OVER THERE?



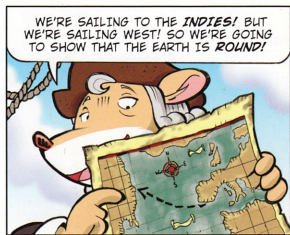
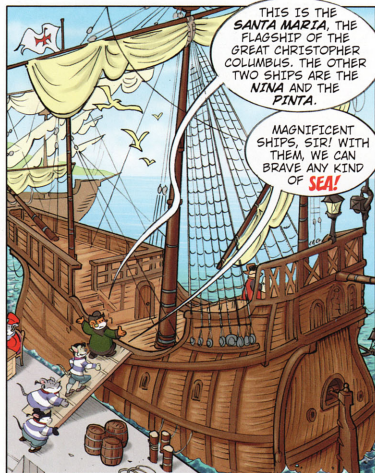
HEY, DUMMY! YOU THINK YOU'RE A BETTER SAILOR THAN ME? WHO SAYS SO?

MY MAMA SAYS SO!

!!!



WE NEED A GOOD HELMSMAN, BUT WE DON'T WANT ANY ROUGH-NECKS. GO TELL THEM TO KNOCK IT OFF...THEN FOLLOW ME!



THE INDIES, DURING THE TIME OF COLUMBUS, AMERICA'S EXISTENCE WASN'T YET KNOWN. COLUMBUS'S PLAN WAS TO KEEP SAILING WEST TO REACH THE INDIES!



THE NEXT DAY, WE ARRIVED IN SPAIN ON THE SPEEDRAT. THOSE SCOUNDRELS WOULD GIVE US TROUBLE...

WOW! WHAT A TRIP!

PALOS IS OVER THERE!

WHO KNOWS WHERE THOSE NASTY CATS ARE HIDING...



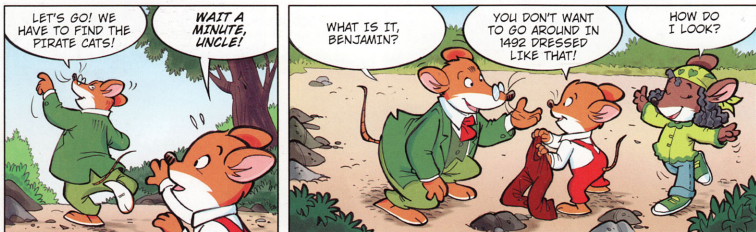
LET'S GO! WE HAVE TO FIND THE PIRATE CATS!

WAIT A MINUTE, UNCLE!

WHAT IS IT, BENJAMIN?

YOU DON'T WANT TO GO AROUND IN 1492 DRESSED LIKE THAT!

HOW DO I LOOK?

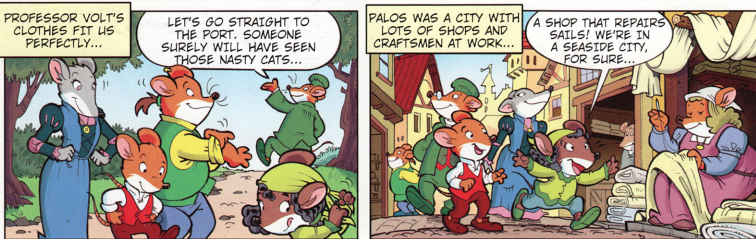


PROFESSOR VOLT'S CLOTHES FIT US PERFECTLY...

LET'S GO STRAIGHT TO THE PORT. SOMEONE SURELY WILL HAVE SEEN THOSE NASTY CATS...

PALOS WAS A CITY WITH LOTS OF SHOPS AND CRAFTSMEN AT WORK...

A SHOP THAT REPAIRS SAILS! WE'RE IN A SEASIDE CITY, FOR SURE...



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DEPARTED FROM HERE ONE SUMMER MORNING...

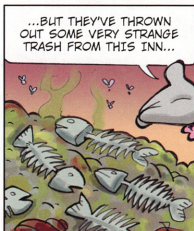
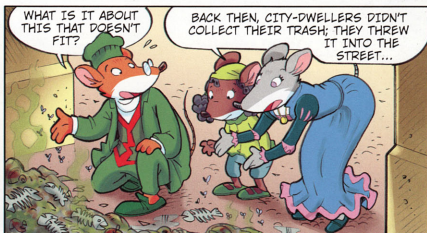
HEY! WAIT FOR ME!!

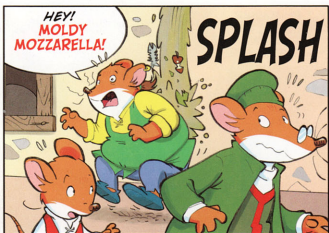
OOPS!

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MMPH...GET ME OUT OF THIS SAIL!



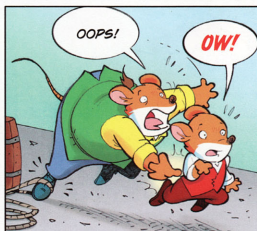
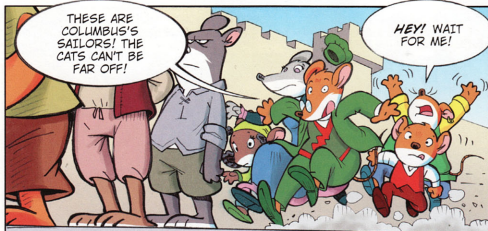


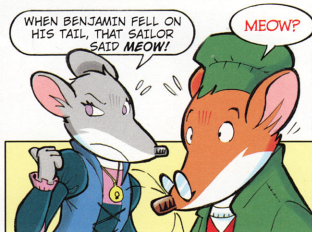
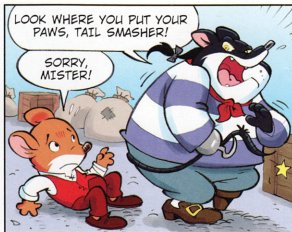


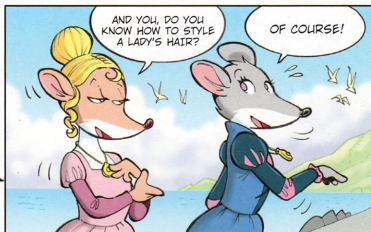
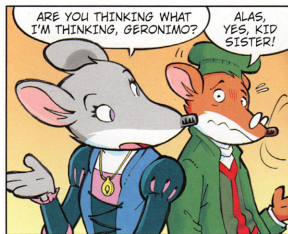
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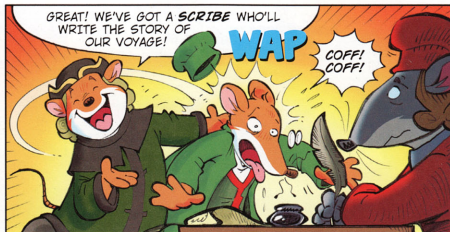


WE FINALLY GOT TO COLUMBUS'S SHIPS...









AUGUST 3, 1492,
WAS A BIG DAY FOR
PALOS. THE WHOLE
CITY CAME TO THE
PORT TO CELEBRATE
COLUMBUS'S
DEPARTURE...



GOODBYE, PALOS!



CIAO!

WE'RE OFF!

SQUEEEAK!



BYE! BYE,
EVERYONE!

I HOPE I DON'T GET
SEASICK!



EVERYONE AGREES!
WE'LL **SHTEAL** COMMAND
OF THE SHIP...



BUT SOMEBODY HAD
SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND...

IT'S PRONOUNCED **STEAL**... AND
WE'LL STEAL IT WHEN I SAY SO!

HA!
HA!

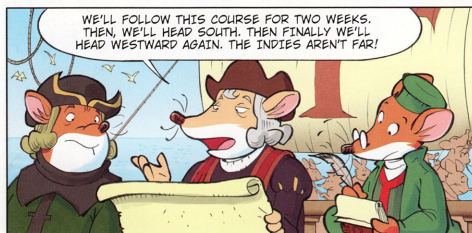




ARE WE REALLY GOING TO FIND THE INDIES, CAPTAIN?

CERTAINLY!
I'VE BEEN PREPARING
FOR THIS EXPEDITION
FOR YEARS!

IT TOOK
COLUMBUS NEARLY
TEN YEARS TO FIND
SPONSORS FOR
HIS EXPEDITION.
AS A MATTER
OF FACT, HE
HAD ALREADY
PRESENTED HIS
PROJECT IN
1483 TO THE
KING OF
PORTUGAL.



WE'LL FOLLOW THIS COURSE FOR TWO WEEKS.
THEN, WE'LL HEAD SOUTH. THEN FINALLY WE'LL
HEAD WESTWARD AGAIN. THE INDIES AREN'T FAR!



DID YOU WRITE THAT
DOWN, SCRIBE? KING
FERDINAND WANTS A
FAITHFUL CHRONICLE
OF THE TRIP.

OF COURSE! WHEN
THE KING READS
MY CHRONICLE,
IT'LL BE AS IF HE
HAD TRAVELED
WITH US!



IT WILL BE A
MAGNIFICENT
ACHIEVEMENT!

LET'S
HOPE
SO!



From the scribe's
chronicle:
"THE SAILORS AREN'T
AFRAID OF
ANYTHING..."

BRRR!
THIS 'FRAIDY
CAT'S SCAREE!



"THE COOK NEVER STOPS
WORKING, EVEN WHEN FACED
WITH THE HARDEST TASKS..."

>SOB! SOB!<
I HATE
ONIONS!



"EXPERT SAILORS
STEER OUR SHIPS."

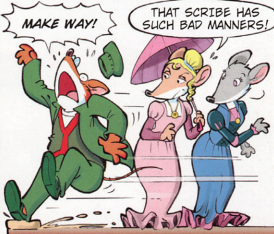
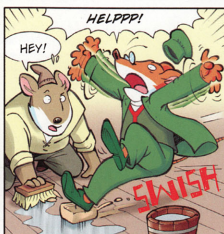
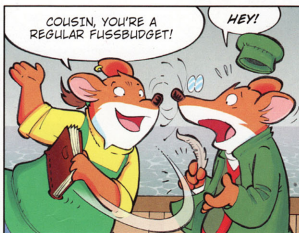
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PAY
ATTENTION,
YOU IDIOT!

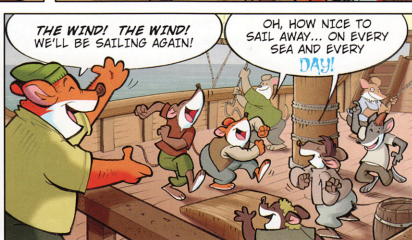
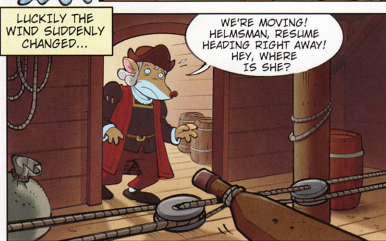
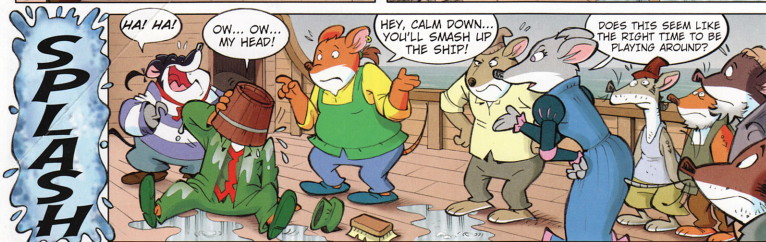
WUMP

BUT THE FOLLOW-
ING MORNING...

CAPTAIN, WHY
HAVE THE SHIPS
COMPLETELY
STOPPED?

WE'VE ENTERED
AN AREA OF DEAD
WATER, THAT IS,
WHERE'S THERE
NO WIND.





A FEW DAYS
LATER...



...YOU'VE GOT
TO BELIEVE ME,
MY TWO COUSINS,
SAILORS FROM
SEVILLE...

...WERE SAILING TOWARDS
THE WEST, A FEW MILES
OFF THE COAST OF
AFRICA...



OF COURSE! I
REMEMBER THEM...
WHAT HAPPENED TO
THEM IN THE
END?

I'M NOT SURE IT'S
A GOOD IDEA TO
TELL YOU ABOUT
IT. MY WHISKERS
ARE QUIVERING
WITH **FEAR**...



BE BRAVE! TELL US ABOUT
IT! WE'RE NOT AFRAID
OF ANYTHING!



ONE OF THEM
NEVER CAME HOME
AGAIN. AND DO YOU
KNOW WHY? A HORRIBLE
SEA **MONSTER** SPRANG
UP OUT OF
THE WATER...

...IT FOLLOWED THEM
FOR DAYS! IT HAD TWO
HEADS AND EIGHT TEN-
TACLES WITH HOOKS AT THE
ENDS, AND A MOUTH THAT
SPLOUTED FLAMES...



BUT IF IT FOLLOWED THEM FOR
DAYS, WHY DIDN'T THEY RACE AWAY
FROM IT FIRST?



AT THE
START, THE
ONLY SIGN IT
WAS THERE WAS
A TERRIBLE
STENCH..



THE NEXT MORNING, STRANGELY ENOUGH...

WHAT A **smell**!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

THAT COULDN'T BE, BY ANY CHANCE...

...THE SMELL OF THE MONSTER!

UNCLE! UNCLE! WHERE IS THAT STENCH COMING FROM? IS IT REALLY THE SMELL OF THE MONSTER?

MONSTER? WHO'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT **MONSTERS**?
BRRR, THIS 'FRAIDY CAT'S SCARED!

THE MONSTER!

BLECH, WHAT A STINK!!!

THE SMELL IS COMING FROM DOWN THERE! LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT...

BUT MAYBE...

WE HAVE TO FIND WHERE THAT SMELL COMES FROM!

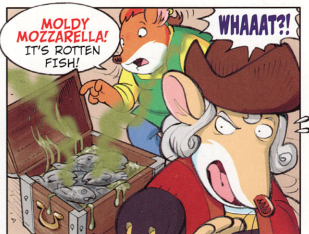
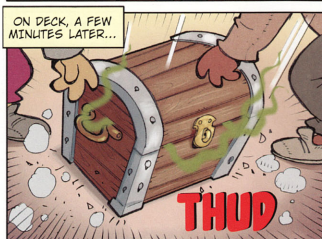
IT SURE IS DARK HERE! YOU CAN'T EVEN MAKE OUT A MORSEL OF MOZZARELLA!

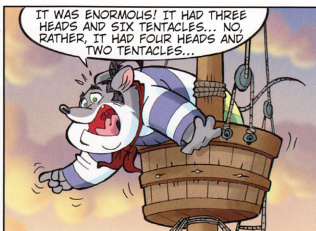
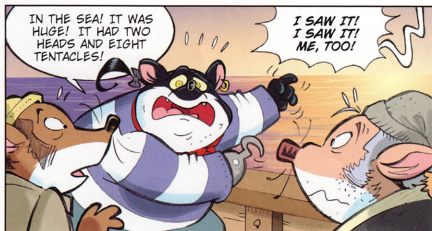
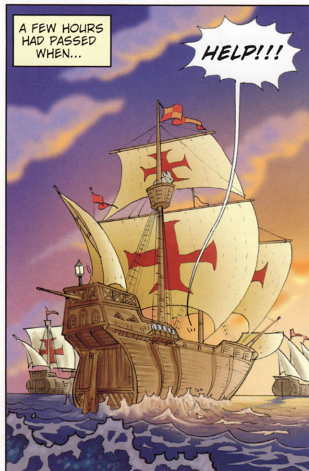
AND... THE STENCH IS QUITE STRONG... DO YOU WANT TO... GO ON?

HERE'S WHERE THE REPAIR SUPPLIES ARE STORED...

WHAT'S IN THESE BARRELS, UNCLE?

UH... **SAND**... TO MAKE THE SHIP STABLE...







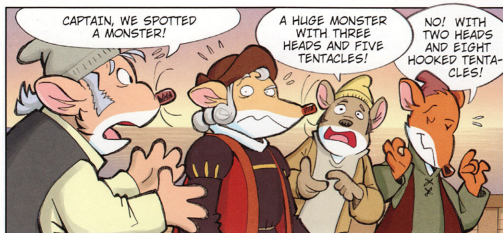
A SEA MONSTER!

OUR LIVES
ARE IN
DANGER!

WE'LL
BECOME CAT
KIBBLE!



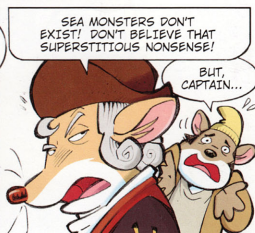
WHAT IS
ALL THIS
RACKET?



CAPTAIN, WE SPOTTED
A MONSTER!

A HUGE MONSTER
WITH THREE
HEADS AND FIVE
TENTACLES!

NO! WITH
TWO HEADS
AND EIGHT
HOOKED TENTA-
CLES!

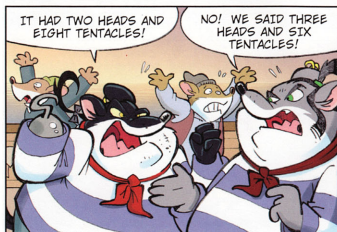


SEA MONSTERS DON'T
EXIST! DON'T BELIEVE THAT
SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE!

BUT,
CAPTAIN...

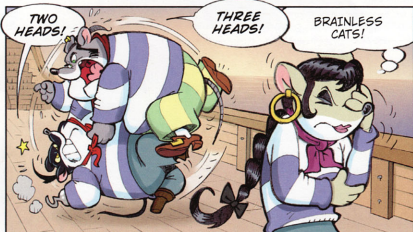


SILENCE! STOP WASTING TIME AND GET BACK TO WORK!



IT HAD TWO HEADS AND
EIGHT TENTACLES!

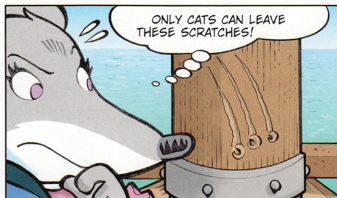
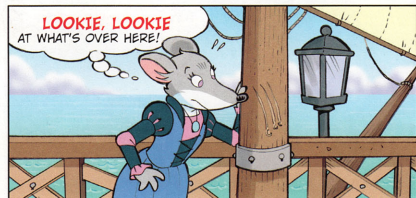
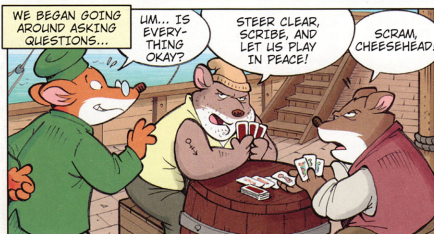
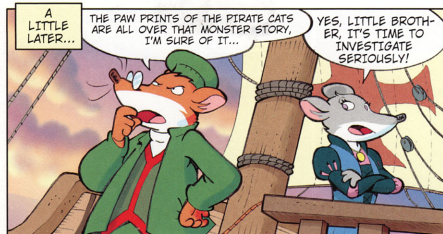
NO! WE SAID THREE
HEADS AND SIX
TENTACLES!



TWO
HEADS!

THREE
HEADS!

BRAINLESS
CATS!



WE EVEN SEARCHED AT NIGHT...

ZZZZ... ROAR... GRUNT...

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT THIS?

SNORE SNORE

FINALLY WE GOT TOGETHER TO COMPARE NOTES...

I SPENT A SLEEPLESS NIGHT, BUT I DIDN'T DISCOVER ANYTHING!

I FOUND SOME SIGNS...

I FOUND THREE PLATES OF CHEESE SOUFFLE THAT WEREN'T EATEN AND THREE CAT SCRATCHES ON THE MAST! DOESN'T THAT TELL YOU SOMETHING?

NO RODENT HAS EVER LEFT ANY OF MY CHEESE SOUFFLE!

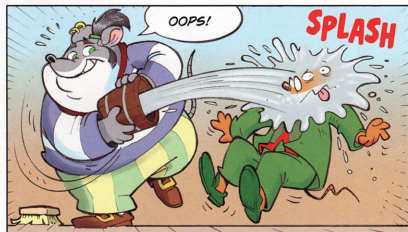
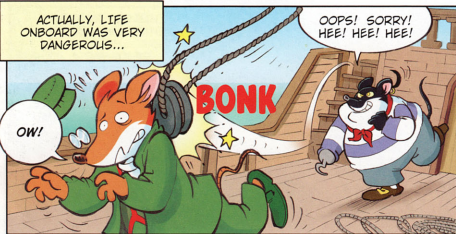
THIS ALL CONFIRMS THAT THE CATS ARE REALLY HERE ON THE SANTA MARIA...

THOSE CATS' DAYS ARE NUMBERED...

OUCH! LOOK OUT!

ZAK

AND YOU? DID YOU FIND ANYTHING OUT? NO ONE PAYS ANY ATTENTION TO MOUSELINGS LIKE YOU...



BUT WE DIDN'T YET
REALIZE THAT ALL
THIS WAS PART
OF THE PIRATE
CATS' PLAN!

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT
RODENT SPITTING! HA! HA!

HA! HA!



HEY! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
WHY NOT FIX THAT SCRIBE
ONCE AND FOR ALL?



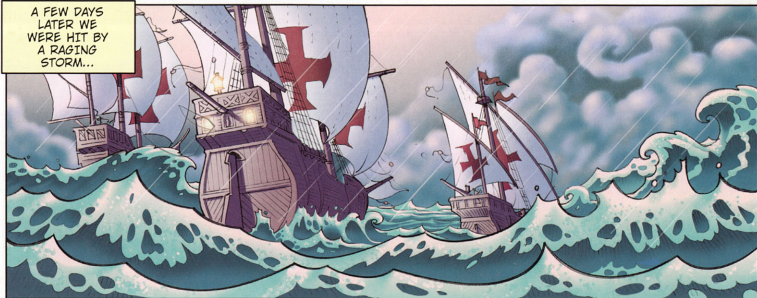
RIGHT! ONLY HE CAN PREVENT
US FROM **SHTEALING**
THE SHIP...

REALLY, IT'S PRONOUNCED **STEAL**... BUT LET'S THINK
ABOUT THE SCRIBE LATER... REMEMBER THE PLAN: GET
THE SAILORS TO MUTINY, TAKE COMMAND OF THE SHIP
IN PLACE OF COLUMBUS, DISCOVER AMERICA
OURSELVES AND BECOME RICH!

GOOD! SO FAR WE'VE JUST
BEEN FOOLING AROUND!
NOW LET'S GET SERIOUS!



A FEW DAYS
LATER WE
WERE HIT BY
A RAGING
STORM...



CREW BELOW DECKS! ONLY THE RIGGING
CREW ON DECK!

WHY DID
I EVER LEAVE
HOME? WHY?
WHY?

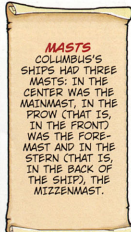
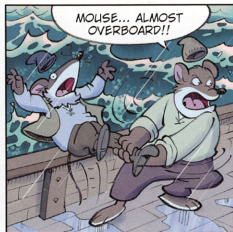
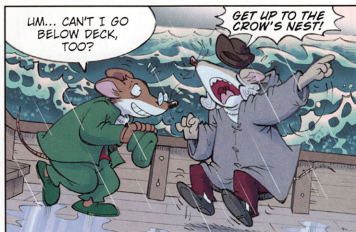


YOU! GET TO THE CROW'S NEST
AND DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE
NINA AND THE PINTA!

GULP!



**BELOW
DECK AND
CROW'S NEST**
THE FIRST TERM
REFERS TO THE
AREA UNDER A
SHIP'S DECK,
UNDER COVER.
THE CROW'S
NEST, ON THE
OTHER HAND,
IS A WOODEN
PLATFORM AT
THE TOP OF A
SHIP'S MAST.



THE MORNING
AFTER THE STORM
HAD FINALLY
PASSED THROUGH...

DID THE
STORM DO A LOT
OF DAMAGE,
CAPTAIN?

IT'S NO
LAUGHING MATTER!
BUT EVERYTHING
CAN BE
REPAIRED...



...EXCEPT FOR THE FORESAIL!
THE SAILORS SAY IT WAS HIT
BY A GUST OF WIND STRONGER
THAN THE REST. BUT LUCKILY
WE HAVE A SPARE...



PSST! PSST!
UNCLE!



WE'VE DISCOVERED
SOMETHING **FERIBLE!**

YES, UNCLE,
WE DISCOVERED WHY
THE SAIL BLEW
AWAY! LOOK!



SEE? IT WASN'T
THE WIND: THE
LINE THAT HELD
THE SAIL WAS
**CUT, JUST
LIKE THAT!**



YOU'RE RIGHT,
KIDS! AND I
KNOW
WHO DID IT...

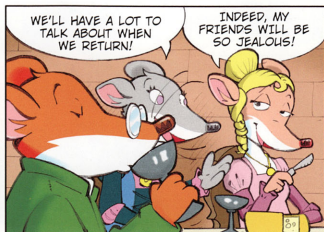
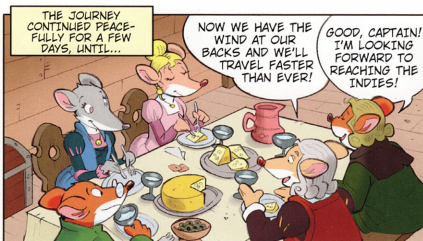


ARE YOU THINKING WHAT WE'RE THINKING?



YES... THIS HAS THE PAW
PRINTS OF THE PIRATE
CATS! BUT WHERE COULD
THEY BE HIDING
THEMSELVES?





MUTINY BROKE
OUT AMONG THE
CREW NOW...

ENOUGH ALREADY!
TOO MUCH HAS
HAPPENED!

IT'S TRUE!
WE CAN'T TAKE
IT ANY MORE!

ROTTEN
ROQUEFORT!
THIS TRIP SHOULD
NEVER HAVE
HAPPENED!

LET'S DEMAND THAT
THE CAPTAIN...

WHAT?

WHAT DO YOU WANT
TO DEMAND OF THE CAPTAIN?

TO GO BACK HOME!

YES, LET'S
GO HOME!

HOME! ENOUGH WITH OCEANS!
LONG LIVE BATHTUBS!

RODENTS THIS
VALIANT WHO WANT
TO GO BACK?

THIS TRIP
IS IMPOSSIBLE!

I'VE NEVER
SEEN ANY-
THING LIKE
IT...

YES, WE'RE
BEING COM-
MANDED BY A
CHARLATAN!



STOP WASTING YOUR BREATH! WHO DOESN'T HAVE PROBLEMS AT SEA?



MANY OF YOU HAVE SAILED WITH ME BEFORE AND KNOW I ALWAYS KEEP MY PROMISES!



WE'VE ALREADY FIGURED OUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE WATER...



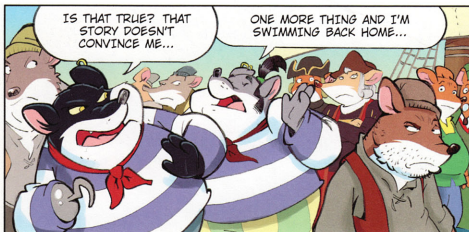
ONE OF THE BARRELS IS FULL OF SALTWATER, BUT THE OTHERS ALL HAVE THE BEST WATER THERE IS...



LISTEN TO THE COOK! IT'S A MATTER OF A SIMPLE MISTAKE WHEN WE DEPARTED. SO...

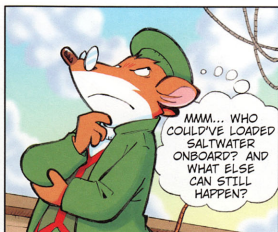


...EVERYONE GET TO WORK!



IS THAT TRUE? THAT STORY DOESN'T CONVINCE ME...

ONE MORE THING AND I'M SWIMMING BACK HOME...



MMM... WHO COULD'VE LOADED SALTWATER ONBOARD? AND WHAT ELSE CAN STILL HAPPEN?

THAT NIGHT, THE WHOLE CREW
SLEPT ON THE DECK DUE TO THE HEAT...

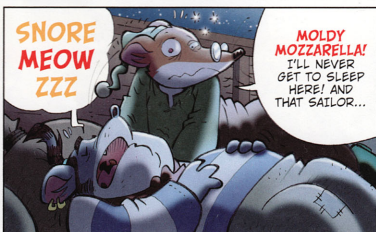


I WAS DREAMING
ABOUT DELICIOUS
CHOCOLATE AND
GORGONZOLA, WHEN...



SNORE
MEOW
ZZZ

**MOLDY
MOZZARELLA!**
I'LL NEVER
GET TO SLEEP
HERE! AND
THAT SAILOR...



...SAID ...**MEOW!** A CAT!
I'M SCARED OF CATS!

>SNORE...
MEOWWWW...
ZZZZ...
MEOWWWW... <



>ZZZ...< UGLY RODENT FACE...
MEOW... WE'LL TAKE COM-
MAND OF THE SHIP OUR-
SELVES... >ZZZ...<

BRRR, HOW SCARY! BUT
I'VE GOT TO BE BRAVE
AND DISCOVER THESE
SCOUNDRELS' PLANS!



>ZZZZ< ... WE'LL BRING THE
SHIPS TO AMERICA...
>ZZZ<... WE'LL GET VERY
RICH... MEOW...

!!!



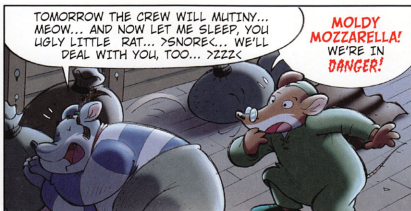
MEOW... THE KING OF
SPAIN WILL NAME US
VICEROY... >SNORE<...ALL
THE CATS IN AMERICA
WILL BE ACKNOWL-
EDGED... >ZZZZZZ<...

THOSE
COMMON
CROOKS!





HOW WILL YOU DO THIS?



TOMORROW THE CREW WILL MUTINY... MEOW... AND NOW LET ME SLEEP, YOU UGLY LITTLE RAT... >SNORE<... WE'LL DEAL WITH YOU, TOO... >ZZZZ<

**MOLDY
MOZZARELLA!
WE'RE IN
DANGER!**

A FEW
MINUTES
LATER...



NOW YOU KNOW
EVERYTHING I KNOW.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?



WE'LL BLOW THE WHISTLE
ON THEM TO CAPTAIN
COLUMBUS...



HE'LL NEVER
BELIEVE OUR
STORY...



LET'S WAIT UNTIL THE
PIRATE CATS MAKE A
WRONG MOVE...

YES, WE'LL
CATCH THEM
RED-PAWED!



THAT'S RIGHT, GERONIMO! WE'VE GOT TO UNMASK THEM
RIGHT AS THEY SWING INTO ACTION!

HMM... ARE YOU
SURE? WON'T IT BE...
DANGEROUS?



LIGHTEN UP, COUSIN!
I'LL HELP YOU SAVE
HISTORY!

GLUB! THAT'S RIGHT!
EVEN THAT MUST HAVE
HAPPENED TO ME,
TOO!

THE NEXT DAY, COLUMBUS THREW A PARTY...

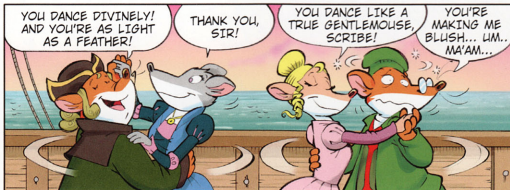


YOU DANCE DIVINELY!
AND YOU'RE AS LIGHT
AS A FEATHER!

THANK YOU,
SIR!

YOU DANCE LIKE A
TRUE GENTLEMUSE,
SCRIBE!

YOU'RE
MAKING ME
BLUSH... UM...
MA'AM...



ATTENTION! ACCORDING TO MY
CALCULATIONS, WE'RE MORE THAN
HALFWAY THROUGH OUR VOYAGE!
TO **CELEBRATE**, THERE'S AN EXTRA
RATION OF CHEESE FOR EVERYONE!



COME ON, COOK!
DOUBLE RATIONS
FOR EVERYONE!

I'M GOING...
AND I'LL BE
RIGHT BACK!



HURRAH!
HURRAH!

MEALS
THE ONLY
HOT MEAL OF
THE DAY WAS AT
11 O'CLOCK. IN
THE EVENING,
COLD RATIONS
OF CRACKERS
AND A LITTLE
DRIED MEAT AND
CHEESE WERE
DISTRIBUTED.



BUT IT
LOOKED LIKE
A HURRICANE
HAD COME
THROUGH THE
SHIP. IN
FACT, IN THE
KITCHEN...

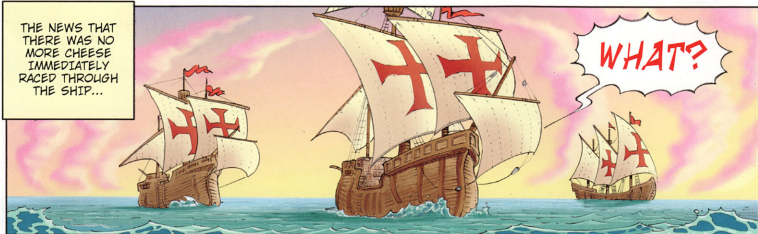
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CALAMITOUS
CATS! THE CHEESE
IS ALL GONE?
JUST YESTERDAY
THERE WAS
PLENTY OF
IT...



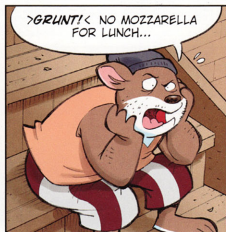
THE NEWS THAT
THERE WAS NO
MORE CHEESE
IMMEDIATELY
RACED THROUGH
THE SHIP...



>SOB!< NO GORGONZOLA
APPETIZERS...



>GRUNT!< NO MOZZARELLA
FOR LUNCH...



>SUPER-GRUNT!< NO
GOAT CHEESE FOR AN
AFTERNOON SNACK!



WHAT WILL WE DO
WITHOUT CHEESE?

IF WE DON'T EAT
CHEESE, WE WON'T
BE BRAVE!

IF WE DON'T EAT
CHEESE, WE WON'T
HAVE A GOOD TRIP!



CALM DOWN! WE'VE GOT
LOTS OF OTHER GOOD THINGS
IN THE HOLD!



ENOUGH! ALL OF
THIS FUSS FOR
A PIECE OF
CHEESE?

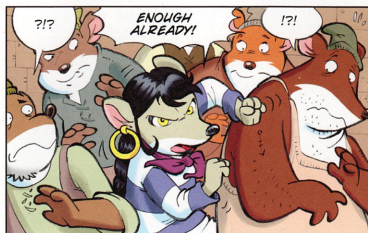


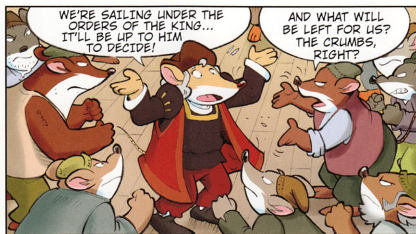
CHEESE GIVES
US STRENGTH!

WE CAN'T
WORK WITH-
OUT CHEESE!

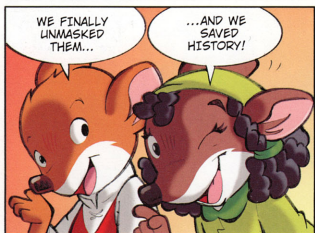
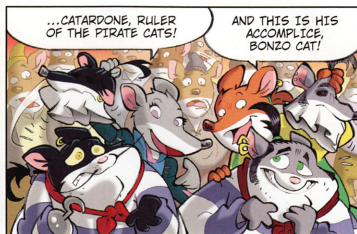
ITS AROMA
HELPS US
WORK HARD!



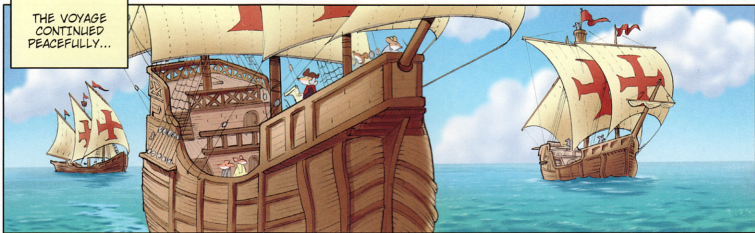








THE VOYAGE
CONTINUED
PEACEFULLY...

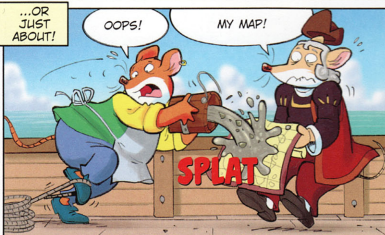


...OR
JUST
ABOUT!

OOPS!

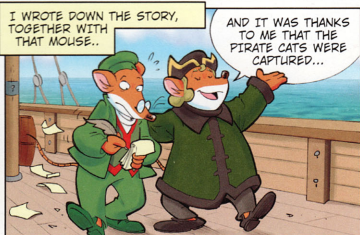
MY MAP!

SPLAT



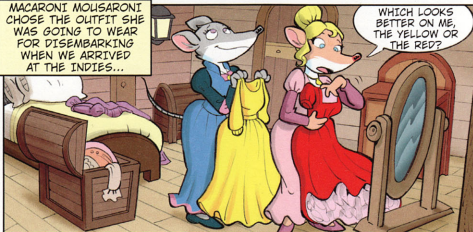
I WROTE DOWN THE STORY,
TOGETHER WITH
THAT MOUSE...

AND IT WAS THANKS
TO ME THAT THE
PIRATE CATS WERE
CAPTURED...



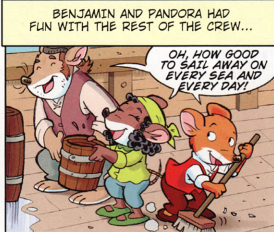
MACARONI MOHSARONI
CHOSE THE OUTFIT SHE
WAS GOING TO WEAR
FOR DISEMBARKING
WHEN WE ARRIVED
AT THE INDIES...

WHICH LOOKS
BETTER ON ME,
THE YELLOW OR
THE RED?



BENJAMIN AND PANDORA HAD
FUN WITH THE REST OF THE CREW...

OH, HOW GOOD
TO SAIL AWAY ON
EVERY SEA AND
EVERY DAY!



IN SHORT, EVERYONE
WAS HAPPY...

I'M TELLING
YOU! WE HAVE
A REALLY GREAT
CAPTAIN!



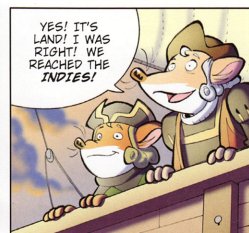
...WHILE THE PIRATE CATS PAID FOR THEIR MISTAKES!

IT WAS ALL
YOUR FAULT!

NO! IT WAS
ALL YOUR
FAULT!

IT WAS ALL
YOUR FAULTS!





AS SOON AS IT WAS DAYLIGHT, COLUMBUS DISEMBARKED...



SAN SALVADOR
COLUMBUS HAD NOT REACHED THE INDIES. THE LAND HE SAW ON OCTOBER 12, 1492, WHICH HE NAMED SAN SALVADOR, WAS AN ISLAND IN THE BAHAMAS, IN AMERICA.

I CLAIM THIS LAND ON BEHALF OF MY SOVEREIGN, THE GREAT KING OF SPAIN, FERDINAND OF CASTILE...



...AND QUEEN ISABELLA OF ARAGON...

CAPTAIN, UM...



...WE HAVE VISITORS...



WHAT'S YOUR NAME?



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!?!?



* I AND MY FAMILY BID YOU WELCOME, STRANGER!



WHAT ELSE WAS THERE
TO SAY? A LONG RETURN
TRIP AWAITED US...

2-3 01 01 *

GOODBYE!
GOODBYE!

* BON VOYAGE!

THE SANTA MARIA
CAME TO HER END
ON A ROCK AND WE
ABANDONED HER...

HURRY UP! EVERYONE
ONBOARD THE PINTA!

MORE TERRIBLE
STORMS PUT US
TO THE TEST...

WHY DIDN'T I STAY
IN NEW MOUSE
CITY?

BEFORE
REACHING
SPAIN IN THE
PINTA,
COLUMBUS
LANDED IN
LISBON, WHERE
HE WAS
RECEIVED BY
THE KING OF
PORTUGAL.

WE ARRIVED
IN PALOS ON
MARCH 15, 1493...

GOODBYE!

IT WAS
WONDERFUL
TRAVELING
WITH YOU!

FINALLY
ON LAND...

OOPS!

SPLASH

COUSIN!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING CASTING
OFF AGAIN?

>SPIT!
SPIT!<

AS SOON AS THEY GOT TO LAND, THE PIRATE CATS HOTPAINED IT FROM THE SHIP AND WENT BACK HOME ON THE CATJET...



>PANT!
PANT!<

QUICK! LET'S
MAKE TRACKS FOR
THE CATJET!

MEOWWW! YOU'LL BE
HEARING FROM US AGAIN...



MEANWHILE,
WE TOOK THE
SPEEDRAT BACK
TO NEW MOUSE
CITY!



FRIENDS!
HOW DID
IT GO?

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! WE UNMASKED
THE PIRATE CATS AND CHRISTOPHER
COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA!



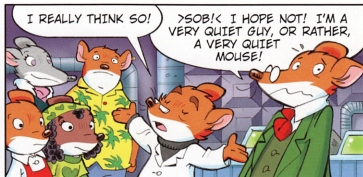
HURRAH!
THOSE SCOUNDRELS
DIDN'T CHANGE
HISTORY!

BUT LET'S KEEP OUR EYES OPEN
FOR THEM! I'M SURE THEY'LL
TRY AGAIN!



ARE WE GOING
TO TRAVEL BACK
IN TIME AGAIN,
PROFESSOR?

I REALLY THINK SO!



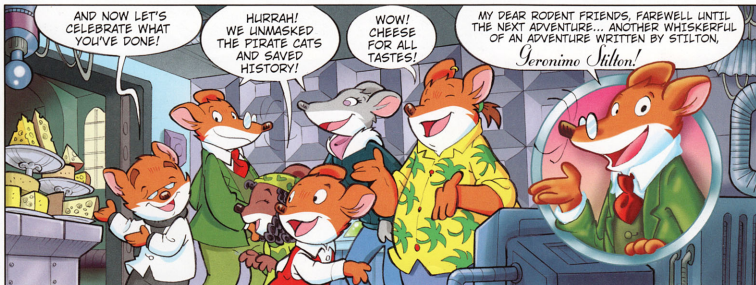
>SOB!< I HOPE NOT! I'M A
VERY QUIET GUY, OR RATHER,
A VERY QUIET
MOUSE!

AND NOW LET'S
CELEBRATE WHAT
YOU'VE DONE!

HURRAH!
WE UNMASKED
THE PIRATE CATS
AND SAVED
HISTORY!

WOW!
CHEESE
FOR ALL
TASTES!

MY DEAR RODENT FRIENDS, FAREWELL UNTIL
THE NEXT ADVENTURE... ANOTHER WHISKERFUL
OF AN ADVENTURE WRITTEN BY STILTON,
Geronimo Stilton!



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Welcome to the very first GERONIMO STILTON Graphic Novel – “The Discovery of America.” If you enjoyed reading about Geronimo Stilton before, we’re betting you’re going to love SEEING him and his friends in action. I know I’m excited! But that may be because as Editor-in-Chief of Paperputz I edit such wonderful graphic novel series as...

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So, why am I so excited about Geronimo Stilton? Well, aside from the fact that he can travel through time and have the most incredible adventures, unlike the Girl Detective, the Undercover Brothers, the Aliens Creatures, the World’s Greatest Authors, or the GhouLunatics, Geronimo and I have something in common! We’re both EDITORS-IN-CHIEF! Geronimo edits The Rodent Gazette, while I edit Paperputz graphic novels. Finally, here’s a hero I can identify with! Just check out the last panel on page one of this book’s story – and you’ll see exactly how I feel at the end of my day.

Or better yet, visit our blog at www.paperputz.com and read my blog! You’ll also find blogs by other Paperputz writers and artists as well as the latest news on upcoming GERONIMO STILTON graphic novels. Of course, you can always go to www.geronimostilton.com for even more Geronimo goodness!

On the following pages we’ve got a special sneak peek at the next GERONIMO STILTON Graphic Novel — #2
“The Secret of the Sphinx”!

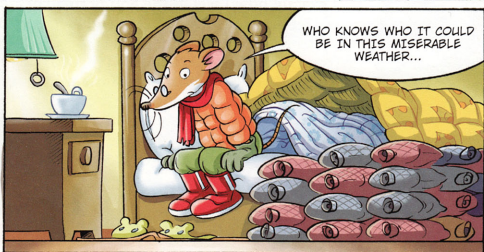
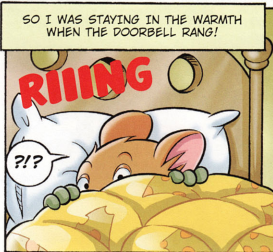
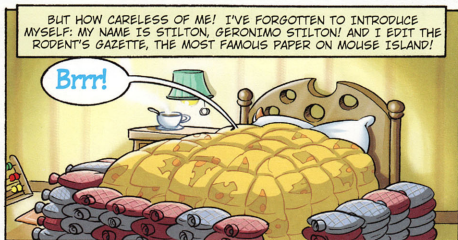
See you in the future!

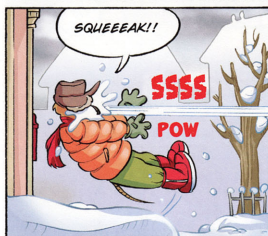
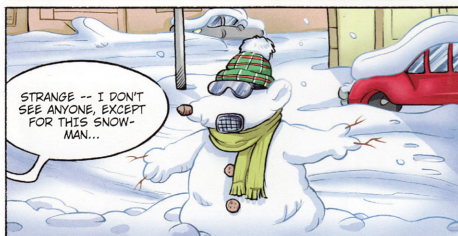
Jim

Caricature drawn by Steve
Brodner at the MoCCA Art Fest.

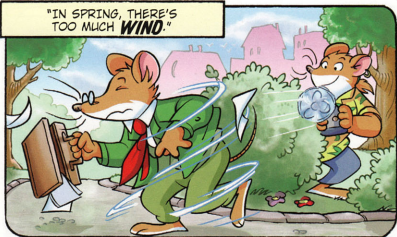


Special Preview of GERONIMO STILTON
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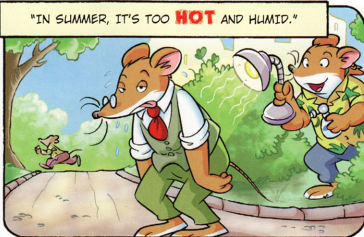




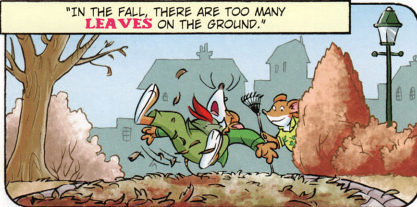
"IN SPRING, THERE'S
TOO MUCH **WIND**."



"IN SUMMER, IT'S TOO **HOT** AND HUMID."



"IN THE FALL, THERE ARE TOO MANY
LEAVES ON THE GROUND."



WELL, IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO PLAY... YOU CAN
ALWAYS OFFER ME A CUP
OF HOT CHOCOLATE!

IF THAT'S
WHAT YOU WANT,
JUST COME INTO
THE HOUSE...
BRRRR!



VROOOMM



YOO-HOO! CIAO, GI
HI, TRAP!

?!?

P-P-PATTY?

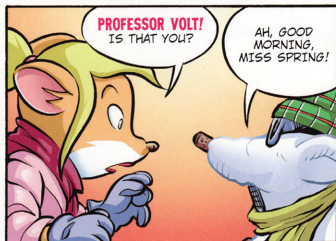
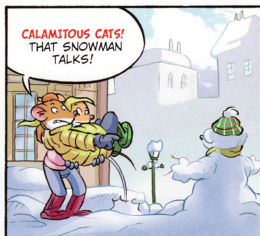
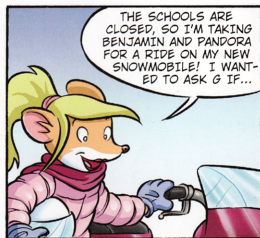
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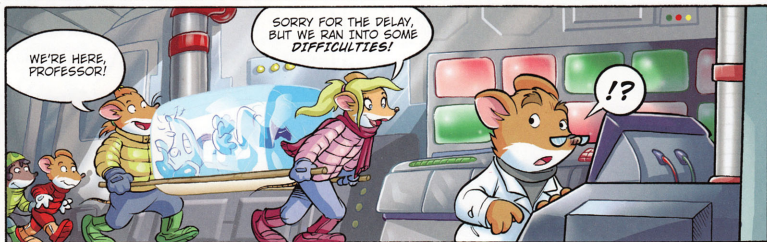
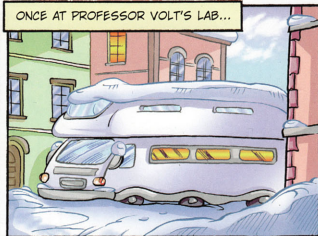
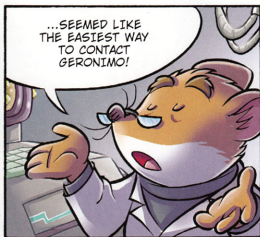
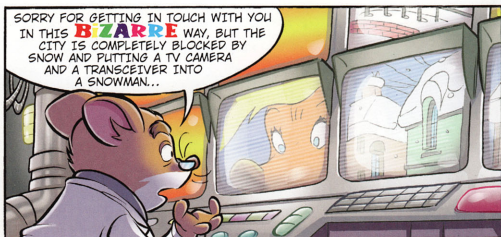


HELLO, UNCLE
TRAP!

HI, KIDS!
ARE YOU
GOING SOME-
PLACE NICE?



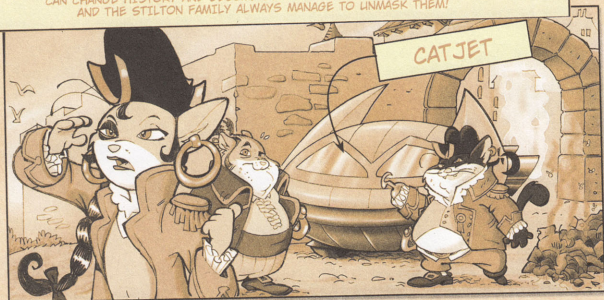




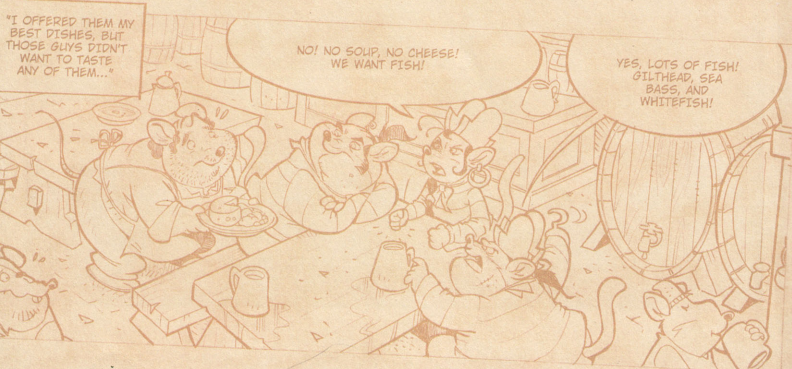
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